

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Robert Ching has demonstrated statesmanship, innovation, commitment, leadership and vision as a leader of the H-D Electric Board of Directors through his dedication and commitment to education and training ultimately sharing information with fellow board members to make the cooperative a success; and,

*Whereas*, Bob achieved lasting changes in the organization of the Northeast Directors Association and the creation of the North East TV Cooperatives. Bob was instrumental in advancing the cooperative movement as a director for SDREA's Legislative Committee, as chairman for the SDREA District 3 legislative district, and by assisting in the passage of legislation to allow diversified services to be offered by South Dakota's rural electric cooperatives; and,

*Whereas*, Bob demonstrated a strong commitment to the cooperative community through 33 years of service and membership on the H-D Electric Cooperative, serving as president from 1990-2002, 23 years as H-D Electric's representative on the East River Board of Directors, and serving as treasurer on the East River Board from 1988-2002; and,

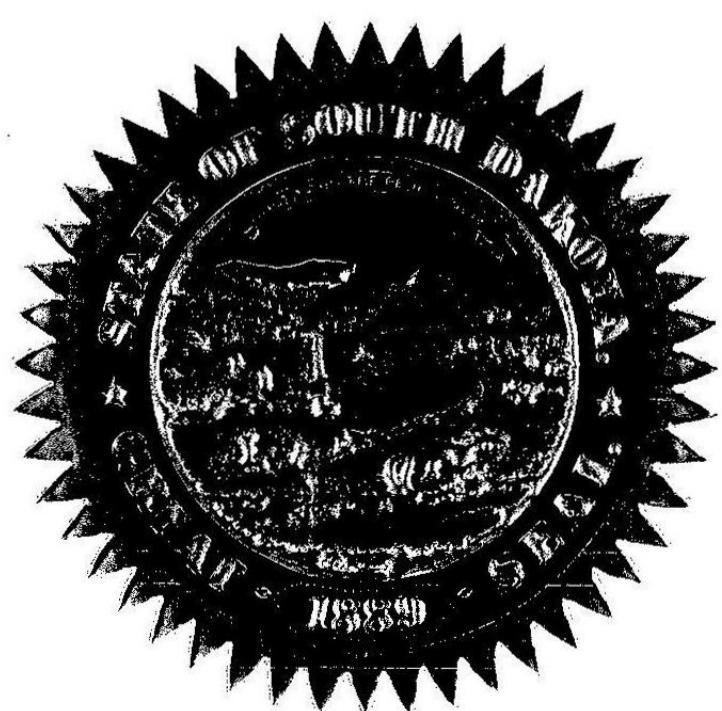
*Whereas*, Bob is committed to the American Legion participating at local, district and state levels, presently serving as State Vice-Commander of the American Legion, as well as serving as Commander of American Legion Olson-Reid Post 250. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Castlewood and has been a director on the Hidewood Township Board since 1968; and,

*Whereas*, The citizens and cooperative community of South Dakota wish to thank Robert for his exceptional leadership in the rural electric industry and a special thanks to his family for their lifelong support of his efforts:

**Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2005, as

### *ROBERT CHING DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State